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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) PATENT
CHRISTENSEN, Bruno et al.) GROUP: 3656
Serial No.: 10/590,511) EXAMINER: DIAZ, T. C.
Filed: August 24, 2006) CUSTOMER NO.: 25269
A LINEAR ACTUATOR) CONFIRMATION NO. 1007

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 25, 2010

Sir:

The inventors have received the final Office Action of May 25, 2010 and have reviewed the examiner's repeated prior art rejections. They reassert that these rejections are not reasonable and offer the following additional comments.

The examiner has rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morishima et al. in view of Schindel and Dubiel.

Morishima et al. disclose a linear actuator with an anti-reverse rotation mechanism. The mechanism includes a torque limiter 8 associated with driven gear 9; however, the torque limiter is not directly connected to a planetary gear and sun wheel configured as an extended end of output shaft 11A.